



**STA STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**HELD AT 222 SOUTH HILL STREET, 5TH FLOOR  
CONFERENCE ROOM, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Teleconference sites:

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104 South Alameda Lane, San Clemente, CA 92672

**Monday, August 15, 2011**

**10:00 AM**

Present: Chair Curry, Vice Chair Friedman, Commissioner Olivas,  
Commissioner Savelle, Vice Chair Berger, Commissioner Biondi,  
Commissioner Franzen, Vice Chair Kang, Commissioner  
Kleinberg, Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Rudnick,  
Commissioner Sorkin, Commissioner Trevino-Powell and  
Commissioner Williams

Excused: Commissioner McClaney

1. Call to Order (11-3544)

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Curry at 10:09 a.m.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

2. Introduction of August 15, 2011, meeting attendees. (11-3545)

**Self-introductions were made.**

3. Approval of the Agenda of August 15, 2011. (11-3566)

**On motion of Commissioner Savelle, seconded by Commissioner Berger  
(Commissioners McClaney and Kang being absent), the agenda for the  
August 15, 2011, was approved.**

4. Approval of the Minutes from July 18, 2011. (11-3546)

**On motion of Commissioner Trevino-Powell, seconded by Commissioner  
Olivas (Commissioners McClaney and Kang being absent) the minutes for  
July 18, 2011, were approved.**

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## **II. REPORTS**

5. Chair's Report by Patricia Curry, Chair, for August 15, 2011. (11-3548)

**Chair Curry reported the following:**

- **The MTA and the County of Los Angeles jointly developed a program spearheaded by Mayor Antonovich, that offers free EZ Transit Passes to a defined set of foster and probation youth between the ages of 18 and 24, in support of the County's "Youth Self-Sufficiency" program. The EZ Transit Pass provides service for virtually the entire County bus and rail system. A workgroup has been assembled to determine the guidelines and procedures for administering the program.**
- **Commission staff is contacting Commissioners who must complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training. This training may be completed online, or through an instructor-led course. The next instructor-led course is scheduled for September 12, 2011; and Commissioners should contact staff to schedule the course.**
- **Chair Curry and Commissioner Rudnick have been reappointed to the Commission by their respective Supervisors.**

**After discussion, Chair Curry's verbal report was received and filed.**

6. Review and discussion of processes and changes to Commission Policies and Procedures (Bylaws and Operating Procedures).
- Commissioner Kleinberg (11-3472)

**Commissioner Kleinberg reported the following:**

- **The Commission Bylaws and Operating Procedures govern the election of the Commission Chair and Vice-Chairs. The Commission considered a proposal to revise the bylaws as it relates to the election and term limits for the Commission Chair.**
- **The Bylaws currently restrict Commissioners from serving more than two consecutive terms as Chair. The two term restriction was established due to concerns that a Commissioner may hold the Chair position for an extended period. There were also concerns that if a Chair were to hold the position for an extended period of time, those Commissioners with disparate views may not have the opportunity to participate.**

- In addition, the Commission was previously staffed by an Executive Director which has since been removed. Although the Executive Office does an excellent job staffing the Commission, the responsibility of the Chair has grown significantly. Therefore, Commissioner Kleinberg suggested revisions to the Commission's Bylaws.
- Any amendments or revisions to the Commission's Bylaws require a 30-day notice and a 2/3 majority vote at a subsequent Commission meeting.

Principal Deputy County Counsel, Christina Salseda, directed the Commission's attention to page 3 of the Bylaws, under the section titled, "Commission Officers and Elections," Item Nos. 5 and 6, as indicated below, and suggested that these items be amended.

5. A Chair may be recommended for election to a second consecutive term.
6. No Commissioner shall be eligible for recommendation for election to the Chair's office for more than two consecutive terms.

Ms. Salseda sought direction from the Commission on and the following three options discussed in moving forward with the proposed amendments to the bylaws:

- Option 1 - Amending the by-laws to enable the term of the Chair to be open-ended.
- Option 2 - Amending the by-laws setting consecutive term of limits for the Chair's position from two to three or four years; or
- Option 3 – No amendments to the by-laws.

The majority of the Commissioners voted on Option 2. The vote was 13 for Option 2 and one vote for Option 1.

The Commission clarified Option 2 with respect to either three or four terms. The majority voted for a four year term.

Ms. Salseda advised that the Commission could set consecutive term limits with the option to seek approval for additional terms subject to a 2/3 vote of the Commission.

Ms. Salseda was directed to draft the amendments to the ByLaws based on this vote and work with the Commission staff to ensure distribution of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws with a 30-day notice.

**The Commission is slated to place an item on its agenda to consider the proposed amendment at the next regular Commission meeting scheduled for September 19, 2011.**

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### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

7.    Discussion by Chair Curry on future Commission Planning. (11-3322)

**Chair Curry noted that in light of the recent changes in DCFS that have taken place, perhaps the Commission can conduct meetings differently; specifically regarding the presentations that take place, and how the Commission can be more constructive, helpful, and supportive to the Department. The top two priorities for Chief Executive Office (CEO) and Board offices are the Title IV-E Waiver and Assembly Bill 12.**

**Commissioners noted their respective suggestions on future Commission planning.**

**After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

8.    DCFS Acting Director's Report by Dr. Jackie Contreras, Acting Director, DCFS. (11-3549)

**There was no discussion or action taken.**

9.    Discussion and approval of a memorandum to the DCFS Acting Director regarding the Title IV-E Waiver (Continued from the meeting of 7/18/11). (This item was taken off calendar at the request of the Chair). (11-3341)

**This item was taken off calendar at the request of the Chair.**

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### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

10.   Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-3560)

**There were none.**

**Announcements**

11. Announcements for the meeting of August 15, 2011. (11-3562)

**There were none.**

**Public Comment**

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-3563)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

13. Adjournment for the meeting of August 15, 2011. (11-3564)

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.**